

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

DNR Land Management Project Approval

1. Management Agreement – Robert “Chic” McLaughlin Conservation Easement Area, Buchanan County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve entering into a new management agreement with the Buchanan County Conservation Board to manage the Robert “Chic” McLaughlin Conservation Easement Area through December 31, 2028.

The agreement covers 4.7 acres of permanent conservation easement acquired by the DNR in July, 2008. The property is located on the Wapsipinicon River adjacent to the unincorporated town of Littleton, approximately nine miles upstream of the City of Independence. A dam exists adjacent to the area.

It will be managed to provide public access to the river and a portage for use as a water trail. Buchanan County will provide periodic patrol of the area; response to emergencies; maintenance of the parking area, landings and launches; and signage related to the portage trail, identifying the area, and warnings of the dam.

The agreement will be according to the terms and conditions of the standard DNR management agreement.

Staff recommends approval of the management agreement.

2. Management Agreement – Pine Ridge Recreation Area, Hardin County

The Natural Resource Commission’s approval is requested for the renewal of a management agreement with the Hardin County Conservation Board to manage the Pine Ridge Recreation Area through November 30, 2033.

Hardin County has managed the area since 1980. This renewed management agreement covers approximately 131 acres acquired by the state in 1977.

The property is located along the west side of the Iowa River, immediately northwest of the City of Steamboat Rock. The area provides approximately three-fourths of a mile of river access. It will be managed as a recreation area with primary emphasis as a wildlife area. A small lake, a camping area and a small picnic area are maintained on the area.

The agreement will be according to the terms and conditions of the standard DNR management agreement.

Staff recommends approval of the management agreement.

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Attachment